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TWO PADUCAH MEN INDICTED ON CRACK-COCAINE AND GUN CHARGES

- Drugs worth \$9,073 on the street

PADUCAH, KY - A federal grand jury in Paducah returned an indictment on June 10, 2008, against Corey Mackey, age 26, of 562 Glenwood Drive, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky on charges of conspiracy with intent to distribute crack-cocaine and distribution, and Michael Hughes, a convicted felon, age 32, of 208 Glenn Street, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky, on charges of conspiracy with intent to distribute, distribution and being a felon in possession of a firearm, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on or about and between November 4, 2005 and September 27, 2006, Mackey and Hughes knowingly conspired with each other and with other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury to knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute five grams or more of a mixture or substance containing cocaine base, commonly known as "crack" cocaine. The Indictment also charges that on or about November 4, 2005, Mackey and Hughes distributed more than five grams of crack. In addition, on or about

November 16, 2005, Hughes distributed more than five grams of crack. The Indictment also charges that on or about September 20, 2006, September 21, 2006 and September 27, 2006, respectively, Mackey distributed more than five grams of crack. The drugs recovered by law enforcement has a street value of approximately \$9,073. Further, the Indictment also alleges that on or about November 11, 2005, that Hughes, a convicted felon, possessed a Smith & Wesson, .38 caliber revolver. The Indictment also seeks forfeiture of \$3,833 in U.S. Currency, a Smith & Wesson, .38 caliber revolver.

In the event of a conviction, the minimum potential penalty would be five years imprisonment with a combined maximum potential penalty of one hundred fifty years imprisonment, a combined \$7,250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least four years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele Thielhorn.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field

Division/Paducah Satellite Office conducted the investigation in partnership with the Paducah

Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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